

# NATIONAL WHIG.

Although myself a Whig, yet if I had the power to make a President of the United States, and if I knew who, in the high office of President, would do most toward restoring to it what it was in the earlier days of the Republic, I would make that man President, no matter to what party he might nominally belong.—Gen. Taylor to Hon. William Greaves.

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## The Battle-Field of Buena Vista.

So many persons have claimed the credit of saving the day at Buena Vista, and some in a most extraordinary manner, and so many claimants have appeared for praise for the honor of selecting the ground upon which the glorious battle of Buena Vista was fought, that it may not be improper, even at this late period, to "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's." As Gen. Wool, is entitled to the credit of having selected the spot, the following letters which incontestably establish that fact, may not be uninteresting. It is from the pen of Captain Carleton, of the U. S. Dragoons, a very gallant officer, and one whose pen has often enriched the columns of the New York Spirit of the Times in times past, and is addressed to Gen. Wool.

BUENA VISTA, Mexico, July 27, 1847.

General.—By reference to my journal of the marcher, &c., of Gen. Wool's column I find that on the 21st of December, 1846, you arrived in the valley of Edcattada with your whole force, consisting of cavalry, artillery and infantry with their complete trains, and encamped at Agua Nueva, situated at the southern termination. That point is twenty miles in advance of Saltillo, which city was then occupied by Gen. Worth, to whose assistance you had marched from Parras, a distance of one hundred and fifteen miles, in less than four days. At that time the command of Gen. Worth was only a brigade, and he had sent by express request to you at Parras to join him, with your column as soon as possible, to assist in repelling an attack then daily expected from the enemy, in force under General Santa Anna.

About the same time Gen. Butler arrived at Saltillo from Monterrey. On the evening of the 22d of December you left your camp at Agua Nueva to visit both himself and Gen. Worth; it being reported that they were confined to their beds in consequence of the wounds they had previously received. You were accompanied by Capt. Lee, Hughes and Chapman, U. S. A., by your aid Lieut. McDowell, and by myself then on duty as one of your aids-de-camp. It was quite dark when you left Agua Nueva, and when you arrived at that part of the pass of Buena Vista known as La Angostura, a heavy fog, accompanied by rain, had set in, rendering it so much more so that it was with the utmost difficulty the road could be kept. Indeed the officers who were with you were frequently obliged to dismount and seek for it on either hand. It was past 11 o'clock at night when you and your party reached Saltillo. The next day, when your interview with Gen. Butler and Gen. Worth was concluded, you started on your return to your camp at Agua Nueva, accompanied by myself, all the other officers who had gone to Saltillo with you being still detained there by official business. When you had proceeded as far as Angostura, one mile in advance of the hacienda of San Juan de la Buena Vista, you halted, and after having glanced over the ground on each side you said to me: "Mr. Carleton, this is the very spot of all others I have yet seen in Mexico which I should select for battle, were I obliged with a small army to fight a large one."

You then pointed out to me what you conceived were the great military advantages it possessed; and said that the network of deeply worn channels on the right would completely protect that flank; that the heights on your left would command the road, and which extended back to the mountain on that side, would cripple the movements of the enemy should he attempt to turn that flank. You continued conversing with me on this subject until as you may recollect we met Lieut. McCown 4th artillery, a mile or more further on. So forcibly was I impressed with your choice, and all you had said in favor of it, that immediately after my arrival at Agua Nueva I described the place to some of the officers of your staff—I think to Ins. Gen. Church, and his assistant, Capt. Drum, U. S. A., at the time, saying that you had selected it for a battle-ground and repeating all you had stated in relation to it.

It may not be improper likewise to add, that on the 26th of December Gen. Butler visited you at Agua Nueva, and that on the 27th, before he returned to Saltillo, he gave you an order to move with your troops and select in the neighborhood of La Encantada, or further down the stream towards Saltillo, a suitable place and there encamp.—As this order was entirely discretionary as to the precise locality for your proposed camp, you chose the plain between La Angostura and the hacienda before alluded to as the best, because it was not only less exposed to the bleak winds which continually swept through the pass at La Encantada, and which at that season of the year would cause the troops much suffering, as we were all in tents and fuel very scarce, but offered the additional advantage of an abundant supply of pure water, and besides was just in rear of what you had selected as the strong point of defence.

That evening (the 28th) Gen. Butler sent you an order to return to La Encantada and encamp there. You wrote a note to him requesting, for reasons which you assigned, that he would permit you to remain where you were, and sent it by Col. Hardin. Cap-

tain Drum and myself accompanied Col. H. and were present at the interview between General Butler and himself. During the conversation that ensued after your note had been delivered, Col. Hardin, among other reasons which he gave why he hoped your request might be complied with, urged the fact that you were near a point which you believed you could maintain in case the enemy advanced upon you from the direction of San Luis Potosi. Gen. Butler said he would not revoke his order, and remarked that if the Mexican army came he had already chosen a ground for battle, and even gone so far as to fix the points to be occupied by the several corps. That ground was the broad plain immediately in front of Saltillo, and I think he also said he had already prepared roads for the artillery leading from the city up on to it. I have mentioned all these circumstances to show with what anxiety and exertion you endeavored to be permitted to occupy a point within striking distance of the one you had selected as the best for battle. On the 30th of December your whole command was obliged to retrace its steps to La Encantada, which it did with evident reluctance, as all the officers agreed entirely with you in opinion as to the disadvantages arising from such a change of position.

Previous to the time when you first went to Saltillo; (the 22d) not one of your officers had ever gone through the pass of Buena Vista. All those who went with you on that occasion were prevented, as I have shown, by the extreme darkness, even from seeing the great road on which they sought to travel, and could not therefore have had at that time a favorable opportunity for making military reconnoissances. You returned from the city and had pointed out the position to me, as I have stated, before they repassed over it. The choice and partialities of the officers in Saltillo, it is fair to presume, for many reasons, were coincident with those expressed by Gen. Butler. When Gen. Taylor came up from Monterrey, he saw at a glance that your views were correct; and although he moved the whole army forward to Agua Nueva, as there he could have an extensive plain for the drill and discipline of the troops, with wood and water convenient, and besides by doing so, could take the initiatory step in one of the most beautiful pieces of strategy of modern times, still when by the advance of Santa Anna the moment had ripened to gain the grand result by feigning a precipitate retreat, that retreat was but a rapid movement back to the identical spot you had chosen, and to which the Mexican army was hurriedly drawn with all its fatigue and disarray consequent upon a forced march of upwards of forty miles; and where, on the 22d and 23d of February, 1847, was fought the battle of Buena Vista. The result of that conflict afforded conclusive evidence of the correctness of your first remark, for there four thousand six hundred and ten Americans, counted successively against upwards of twenty-two thousand Mexicans. This letter, general, is but a dry detail of facts, but they are set forth with sufficient clearness to prevent their being misunderstood.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully your obedient servant,  
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